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DECODING CAPABLE OF CONDUCTING ERROR
DETECTION PROCESS AND CONCEALMENT PROCESS
EFFICIENTLY

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued May 13, 2003 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below.

“Furthermore, although the critical parts in the issues described in the claims that are common to the inventions according to Claim 1 and according to Claims 4 and 13 are the “error detection means,” the “packet division means,” and “image decoding means,” because the issues in question were well-known issues prior to the application date of the present application (see Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H3-162085, for example), there are no critical parts that are novel issues relating to the problem to be solved, and so the invention according to the aforementioned Claim 1, and the inventions according to Claims 4 and 13 are not seen as fulfilling the relationship in Paragraph 2, Article 37 of the Patent Law.

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

Fields searched - IPC 7th Edition, H04N 7/24–7/68

Prior art literature

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H3-162085”

Applicant's statements regarding the Japanese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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